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In re Patent Application of

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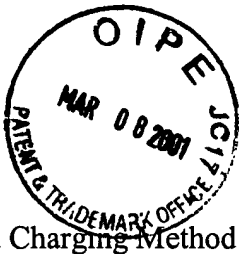
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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 5, 2000 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2000. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a response to the Office Action is due on or before March 5, 2001, and this Response is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and allowance of the pending claims.

Please revise the Attorney Docket No. from "SONY-P7449" to --09792909-4865--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 26-36, 47-52, and 63-68.

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 17-68 are pending in the above-identified application. With this Amendment, claims 26-36, 47-52, and 63-68 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 9, 17-25, 37-46, and 53-62 are at issue.